emphasis by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare about the need for such advertisements; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not accepting the advertisements of vital importance concerning AIDS by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Doordarshan received 3 spots on AIDs. All these spots have already been telecast on a number of occasions.

Guidelines for T.V. Serial Producers

3781. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government expects a spate of T.V. serials for telecast on the proposed 4 satellite channels;

(b) if so, whether any specific and new guidelines have been issued to the T.V. serial producers to observe while preparing their serials and if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether any reviewing committee has been constituted to seed that these T.V. serial couform to the guidelines issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The scheme for allotment of time slots on the satellite channels of Doordarshan is sub-judice.

दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी पर विश्व समाचार

3782. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे**: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार दूरदर्शन पर प्रतिदिन विश्व समाचार प्रसारित करने के संबंध में विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) उक्त सेवा को कब तक आरंभ किए जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या सरकार द्वारा दूरदर्शन के अलावा आकाशवाणी पर भी उक्त सेवा को उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी० सिंह देव): (क) से (ग) दूरदर्शन 1 अगस्त, 1993 से प्रतिदिन प्रातः 8.25 बजे अपने सुबह के ट्रांसमीशन में 10 मिनट के एक वर्ल्ड न्यूज बुलेटिन का प्रसारण पहले से ही कर रहा है।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendra

3783. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) started functioning and what is the radius of the area being covered by it;

(b) whether it is a fact that reception of programmes telecast/relayed by DDK becomes poor/hazy beyond a redius of 30-35 kilometres due to the low height of its tower located at a place which is the descending path for civil air crafts heading towards Dibrugarh Airport; if so the remedial steps the Government propose in this regard;

(c) the details/names of programmes being produced at present by DDK on its own, if any;

(d) whether it is also a fact that all the programmes presently telecast by DDK are produced at Guwahati Programme Production Centre thereby depriving local artistes/talents from their due share in programmes of DDK;

(e) by when the Government propose to start programme production on its own by DDK in full swing;

(f) the details of the programmes proposed to be produced at DDK and whether any of these programmes will also be in Hindi; and

(g) whether Government also propose to telecast regional news on its own prepared by DDK; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Whereas the Programme Production Centre (PPC) at Dibrugarh has been commissioned with effect from 31-5-93, the High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) installed on a 75-metre high tower has been providing service within a radial distance of 50 kilometres with effect from 07-02-1988, subject to availability of line-of-sight. The tower height had to be restricted to 75 metres as the proposed full height of 150 metres was not cleared by the National Airport Authority. In order to expand TV service in the area, a very Low Power TV Transmitter (VLPT) at Digboi is at an advanced stage of completion and is expected to be ready during the current year.

(c) to (e) DDK, Dibrugarh is regularly producing programmes on its own with effect from 31-5-1993. A statement containing list of important programmes produced and telecast/proposed to be produced is enclosed (*see* below). The local talent is also being utilised as per the requirement of DDK, Dibrugarh. The programme production activity at the Kendra will further increase once the full complement of the staff is in position.

(f) Whereas production of programmes in Hindi would depend upon the programme requirements of the Kendra, it proposes to produce programmes on various subjects like agriculture, children and women, music enrichment, special audiences and cultural activities etc.

(g) Owing to lack of infrastructural facilities, manpower and resources there is no such proposal at present.

Statement

Important programmes, produced and telecast/proposed at Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh

1. Documentary on Jutulibari Tea Garden.
2. Discussion on media and development, consumer and Consumer Act.
3. Satriya Dance.
4. Jhumur from tea garden.
5. Bihu documentary.
6. Individual Modern songs.
7. Documentary Sangaree Tea Garden.
8. Folk songs.
9. Children's programme from Namrup and Tinsukia.
10. Interviews with visiting eminent persons including Mother Teresa.
11. Health programme.

Electrocution of Elephant Razia

3784. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of a report published in the Pioneer of July 1, 1993 under the heading "Inglorious end for a prize winning pacheyderm";

(b) whether it is a fact that the prize winning elephant 'Razia' was electrocuted by a live wire lying on the road near ITO bridge, New Delhi; if so, the details thereof;

(c) how it transpired that a broken live electric wire was lying on the road;